

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT,
ON SUNDRY PETITIONS TO THEM REFERRED.

MAY 25, 1842.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. GILMER, from the Select Committee on Retrenchment, made the following

REPORT :

The Select Committee on Retrenchment, to which were referred the following petitions, to wit :

A petition of citizens of the counties of Erie and Cattaraugus, in the State of New York, praying that the mileage of members of Congress may be abolished ; for the reduction of their pay to \$5 per day ; for abolishing the franking privilege, except during the session ; for the adoption of the one-hour rule ; for the passage of a law fixing the period of adjournment on the 4th of March of each year ; for " the enforcing of the rule, in all cases, of censure or expulsion against those who shall indulge in personalities on members in debate," or the adoption of such other rules as may be necessary to preserve the dignity and decorum of the House ;

A like petition of citizens of the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York ;

A like petition of citizens of the county of Wyoming, in the State of New York ;

Two like petitions of citizens of the county of Genesee, in the State of New York ;

A like petition of citizens of the county of Ontario, in the State of New York ;

A like petition of citizens of Bethany, in the State of New York ;

A like petition of citizens of the county of Lorain, in the State of Ohio ;

A like petition of citizens of the county of Middlesex, in the State of Connecticut ;

A petition of citizens of the city of Troy, in the State of New York, praying a reduction of the pay and mileage of members of Congress ; and for the passage of an act fixing the termination of the long session of Congress at the first day of May ;

A petition of citizens of the county of Erie, in the State of New York, praying a reduction of the pay of members of Congress, and of all officers and clerks under the Federal Government, including the heads of departments ;

A petition of citizens of the county of Ontario, in the State of New York, praying a reduction of the pay and mileage of members of Congress ;

A petition of citizens of Coventry, in the State of New York, praying for an immediate adjournment of Congress;

A petition of citizens of Lake county, in the State of Ohio, praying a reduction of fees, salaries, and per diem allowances, of all officers of the General Government, the members of Congress, and all the departments connected therewith;

A petition of citizens of the county of Cayuga, praying the reduction of the pay of members of Congress to five dollars per day; and

A memorial or communication relating to fees of jurors and witnesses in the courts of the United States—

Report that they have bestowed the most respectful consideration on these several petitions, and beg leave to refer the House to the views heretofore submitted by the committee, in reports on the subjects of mileage, the franking privilege, the use of newspapers at the public expense, the abuses as to the pay, rations, &c., of the army, and a general report on the departments at the seat of Government, as embodying the views of the committee on the topics adverted to in these petitions. They therefore ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of these petitions.